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## Tappa Keggas End Slo-Pitch Campaign

The Taft-Alten Tappa Keggas have ended one of their most successful slo-pitch baseball seasons ever.

The end came last Sunday night in the final round of the Southern California Municipal Athletic Federation Tournament when the Los Angeles Old Timers upended the Keggas at Torrance Park.

Los Angeles held a 2-0 lead going into the sixth inning of the championship game. The Keggas narrowed the margin to 2-1 when Bob Ryan doubled and came home on Mick Ryan's single.

Then, in the top half of the seventh, the Keggas momentarily went ahead as Jim Reynolds homered with Gib Matthews and Chuck Williams on base.

The Old Timers came right back with several timely hits, coupled with Keggia errors, to snare a 5-4 upset decision.

Prior to the SCMAF tournament defeat, the Keggas had captured the West Coast Slo-Pitch Association championship and won the Redondo Beach and Lynwood tourneys. In addition, the Keggas

compiled a 47-4 mark during their seventh season of competition. During their seven years of existence, the Torrance-based team has won 245 contests while losing only 21.

This impressive record brought the Keggas an invitation to compete in the national slo-pitch tournament in Chicago, but a lack of funds prevented them from participating in the event.

During the course of the season individual tournament awards were gained by Chuck Schoendienst, Ray Magnante, Gib Matthews, Charley Williams, Jim Reynolds, Bob Ryan and Scot Maxie.

MATTHEWS and Magnante wound up as the Keggas' top sluggers. Both men finished with .410 batting averages. Bob Ryan connected at a .373 clip for the year while Mick Ryan and Chuck Ryan finished just a notch behind at .372.

Also hitting at an above .300 clip for the Keggas were Tony Couch at .356, Schoendienst at .313, Reynolds at .304 and Tony Mariscal at .300.

Chuck Ryan led the Keggas on the hill with a 24-2 won-lost record. Ryan finished with a 1.12 earned-run average in 197 innings of toil. Schoendienst was the second-ranking Keg chucker with a 20-2 record and a .97 ERA.

REYNOLDS won three games without a loss for Torrance and ended with a 1.54 ERA. The three hurlers wound up with a combined 1.08 ERA.

The Keggas finished with a .342 team batting average and managed an average of 5.36 runs per game and 8.9 hits. They limited their opponents to an average of 1.55 runs per contest.

MAGNANTE ended with 11 doubles, three triples, four home runs and 29 runs batted in. Matthews clubbed 12 doubles, one triple, three homers and drove 35 runs across. Magnante compiled 89 total bases in 134 trips to the plate.

Kegga manager Chuck Ryan has announced that his team's final event of the year will be an award banquet Saturday night, Sept. 19, at 7:30 p.m. The banquet, which is sponsored by the West Coast Slo-Pitch Association, will be held at the Plush Horse Inn.

## Boating Requires Extra Equipment

The safety equipment which boaters are required by law to carry represents minimum protection considered essential by state and federal authorities.

Common sense dictates that other devices should be taken aboard as well, say boating authorities, in the interest of convenience as well as safety.

For example, a good, rugged pocket knife can come in mighty handy. You might want to whip together an emergency rig out of your anchor line, or free some sort of tangled rope. Select a knife that's rust-resistant, is easy to open, has a blade which locks open, and is comfortable to carry around.

APPROVED-TYPE life preservers do their job well. However, people can and do fall overboard when not wearing them. Also on the market are compact, quick inflating preservers which can be pinned to one's shirt, carried in the pocket or strapped to the wrist or belt.

When squeezed firmly, carbon dioxide gas is released and inflates them instantly. They are not Coast Guard approved because they sink when punctured, but they have saved many lives simply because they were handy when needed.

BUOYANT garments of various types are becoming more popular. They keep a boat warmer and dry all the time and provide considerable buoyancy without being bulky. As the days grow shorter and cooler, you might

want to look at them at a marine clothing store.

Popular among boaters who operate on big waters are penziled signal flare guns, able to propel brilliant balls of fire a considerable distance into the air—a good thing to have on remote, lonely waters.

## Prep Grid Workouts To Begin

Football, the king of high school athletics, will rear its crowd-pleasing head in Torrance Tuesday.

Workouts officially open at seven area high schools Tuesday. North, South, Torrance, West, Carson, Narbonne and Bishop Montgomery begin drills in preparation for practice game liftoffers on Friday, Sept. 25.

New coaches are in evidence at three area schools. Ken Swift has replaced Dave Tollison at South, John Trantham has taken over for Irv Kasten at Torrance and Jack Bobinette has filled in for Elmer Douglas at Narbonne.

THE COMING year will mark the first time in history that all four Torrance Unified School District teams will play in their own stadiums. New stadiums at South and West will be dedicated Friday night, Sept. 18, to round out the district's grid facilities.

## Ed Mulder Will Pace Cyclists

Eddie Mulder of Burbank and Sid Payne of Bakersfield, both three-time winners this season, go postward as co-favorites in the expert division of tonight's AMA motorcycle steeplechase at Ascot Park, Gardena.

Distance for the main event has been increased to 20 laps for the Labor Day eve 16-event program.

Racing starts at 8:15 with practice laps and qualifying at 7 for the record field of 147 riders, including many who have just returned from the midwest.

Those back from the Midwest include Clark White, Payne's Bakersfield running mate, who finished second behind Dick Mann of San Francisco in the big bore division of the Grand National steeplechase last weekend at Peoria, Ill.

White, a double Ascot winner this year, promises to make it a three-way battle to the finish tonight. Mulder, Bob Bailey of Torrance and Mert Lawwill of Los Angeles were third, fourth and fifth at Peoria, and all compete at Ascot.



ASCOT ENTRY . . . Bob Bailey of Torrance, fourth place finisher in last weekend's Grand National Steeplechase championship at Peoria, Ill., will compete at Ascot Park in Gardena tonight. J. C. Agajanian will sponsor the steeplechase program.



FIRST ENTRY . . . Jack Brabham of Australia and England has become the first official entry for the seventh annual \$38,000 Grand Prix for Sports Cars at Riverside Raceway Oct. 11. Here the two-time world champion is shown after edging Bruce McLaren of New Zealand in a 1961 race. McLaren is also entered.

## Two Drivers Enter October Grand Prix

Jack Brabham and Bruce McLaren, international racing names that stir memories here of one of the West's most exciting road racing duels, today became the first official entries for the seventh annual Grand Prix for Sports Cars.

The 200-mile classic will be run Sunday, Oct. 11, over the twisting 2.6-mile paved course at Riverside International Raceway, it was announced by race chairman Glenn Davis.

Brabham, 38-year-old Australian and twice winner of the world driving championship (1959-60) and McLaren, a veteran Grand Prix driver at 27 from New Zealand, will drive their own specially designed sports cars in pursuit of the record \$538,000 purse.

THE RACE, richest sport car event in the United States, has attracted 454,000 fans in six previous Riverside runnings and, netted \$344,395.44 for charity.

Davis also announced that "in keeping with tradition, the 1964 Grand Prix will bring together the best overseas drivers and this country's top stars, including Indianapolis champions."

Brabham actually is the only foreign driver ever to win it, although the race has lured such names as Stirling Moss, Jimmy Clark, Graham Hill, John Surtees and Innes Ireland in the past. He turned the trick in 1961 when he staged a dramatic battle with McLaren to the wire, overtaking his former protege on the final lap to win.

BRABHAM, who now builds as well as drives race cars, will be handling one of his own Repco-Brabham sports cars which is powered by a 2.7-liter Coventry Climax engine. The car was built by Brabham Racing Organizations, Ltd., of Surrey, England.

McLaren's machine, the Sports I, is an Oldsmobile-powered racer that was built under the young driver's direction in Middlesex, England. It was patterned after a car McLaren bought from Roger Penske of Philadelphia, who won the 1962 classic at Riverside.

McLaren has been campaigning with tremendous success in the latter car. The hybrid Cooper-Olds won the Guards International Trophy

recently at Brands Hatch and last week took the sports car division of the Tourist Trophy at Goodwood, also in England. At Goodwood, he set a lap record of 103.10 m.p.h. at Brands Hatch, his victim was Brabham, whose cars finished 2-3.

Activity will begin in earnest at Riverside on Thursday, Oct. 8, with official practice. A full day of qualifying is scheduled Friday, determining starters for two special 20-lap trial races to be run Saturday, Oct. 10, one for over 2-liter cars, the other for smaller, under 2-liter machines.

FROM THESE two races, the fastest 30 cars, regardless of engine size will qualify for Sunday's 77-lap Grand Prix. Ten additional starters for the 200-miler will be decided in a 20-lap consolation race which will pit nonqualifiers Sunday, starting at 11:30 a.m. The main event will go off at 1:30 p.m.

Also scheduled for Saturday will be a three-hour Enduro for production sports cars.

## Minnows Really Easy to Handle

Dead minnows are good for growing corn, but not for fishing.

Keeping minnows healthy from the time they are dipped from a tank until hooked is really easy. Yet untold bucketsful of "belly-up" bait are dumped with disgust into every lake every summer.

Most losses of live minnows can be traced to improper handling, experts report. And they suggest these simple precautions:

BE CAREFUL when placing the minnow bucket or liner directly into lake or stream water. During the trip from bait shop to dock, water in the bait container warms up.

If suddenly thrust into water of a different temperature—even only a few degrees colder—the minnows go into shock from which few will recover.

To prevent this, temper

the minnows by slowly adding lake water to the bucket until the temperature is near that of the lake.

Minnows transported in sealed plastic bags are easier to condition. Merely dunk the entire sack in the lake for a short period. Water temperatures will equalize quickly yet safely.

WITH THE number of special containers and aerating devices that are on the market, minnow mortality while being hauled around is negligible. Air pumps, self-breathing and insulated pails, and oxygen-releasing pills are widely available at nominal cost. And they are effective.

As one last reminder, don't permit the bait bucket to sit exposed to the sun in the bottom of the boat. Keep the container shaded and replenish water often if it is not the immersible type.

Healthy minnows produce healthy fishing.

## Ascot Slates Special Race For Stockers

The largest field of late model stock cars seen at Ascot Park this season will line up tomorrow night for a 200-lap NASCAR Grand National race.

A group of Pacific Coast champions from 1956 through the current season will compete in the 24-member field.

## Investors Purchase Golf Club

The sale of Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa to a group of prominent Southern California investors was announced today.

The private 18-hole championship golf course and clubhouse, which opened in January, 1959, and came into national prominence as the site of Tony Lema's first "champagne party" following his win in the 1962 Orange County Open, was owned by a partnership of Adolph Slechta, George A. Bjorklund and Dudley A. Smith.

Heading the list of new owners is William S. Watt, an investment corporation executive and long-time resident of Fullerton, who will serve as president of the board of directors. Watt said that all members of the present staff will be retained and the membership initiation fee and dues structure will remain the same. General Manager Stan Gorinac will continue to direct the club operation and also serve as a member of the board.

"WE BELIEVE that the opening of the new section of the San Diego Freeway into Orange County makes Mesa Verde Country Club one of the finest investments in Southern California. To keep pace with the growth of Orange County and the membership, we are planning an expansion program that will include enlargement of the clubhouse and construction of swimming, tennis and skeet shooting facilities," said Watt.

In addition to Watt and Gorinac the board of directors will include Lewis S. Akerman Jr., senior vice-president of Lincoln Savings and Loan Association; Attorney Cameron Collister and public relations executive Hank Litten. Mesa Verde Country Club, which is located on 142 acres just west of Harbor Blvd., in the exclusive bluff section of Costa Mesa, was opened in January, 1959, and boasts of one of the finest courses in the southland.

THE 6650-YARD championship layout, designed by prominent golf course architect Billy Bell, has been the scene of two Orange County Open tournaments which have attracted some of the world's finest golfers. The par 71 course has a 71 rating by the Southern California Golf Association and is considered a true test of golf.

Topping the list is Ron Hornaday, the 1963 champion and current point leader. Other NASCAR champs entered include Eddie Gray of Gardena (1958-61-62), Lloyd Dane (1954-56-57) and Marv Porter (1960 and also 1959 national short track champ).

The Grand National race, first in Southern California since the Riverside 500, will provide fans with their best look yet at the racing capabilities of 1964 model cars. Eight are entered.

ALONG WITH the NASCAR competition, the Automobile Racing Association's figure-eight drivers will vie for extra points in a special program.

Racing will begin at 8 p.m. with time trials set for 7. Gates will be opened at 6 p.m.

Today, the stock car drivers will warm up for the Labor Day spectacular with a benefit California Auto Racing program at Ascot.

The CAR stock cars will share the spotlight with modifieds and hot rods in companion 35-lap main events for the benefit of photographer Carl Beckstrom, who was injured in a recent Ascot accident.

The stock car races, led by Jim Cook, Clem Proctor and Jim Blomgren, will be driving their early model stockers today.

THE FIRST race today has been moved back to the normal 2 p. m. starting time with qualifying set to begin at noon.

## Young Miss Repeats City Golf Triumph

The Torrance Recreation Department recently held its annual Youth Golf Club championship tournament at Sea-Aire Golf Course.

For the second straight year Sally Crandall won first place honors in the girls' division. Second place laurels went to Tina Krig.

In the boys' age 9-11 group Scott Cunningham snagged first place and Ken Kurtz second.

Herb Hershman took first and Dana Ward second in the 12-13-year group.

Bill Carlson was first among the 14-17-year-olds and Steve Sansom second. Consolation went to Jeff Case.

Scott Cunningham and Rick Ellis performed well as both shot a hole-in-one during the tourney. Cunningham also shot a pair of 31 nine-hole rounds to capture novice honors.



NEW OWNERS . . . William S. Watt (right), new owner-president of the Mesa Verde Country Club in Costa Mesa, receives the clubhouse key from manager Stan Gorinac. Witnessing the official take-over ceremonies are new Board of Director members Hank Litten (left, rear) and Lewis S. Akerman Jr.